GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:248
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Public Libraries
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the pathetic condition of public libraries in the country including Delhi Public Library and Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to rejuvenate these libraries;
(c) whether the Government has any roadmap for development of public library system in the country and allocated separate funds for it and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of manpower shortage in public libraries in the country, State/UT-wise and remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the details of the recruitment of trained library professionals for public libraries in the country including those in the libraries in Delhi; and

(e) the total number of libraries with internet and modern facilities set up in the country and the Central Assistance provided in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise along with the details of any likely enhancement in the Central Assistance in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.248 FOR 20TH MARCH, 2017.

(a) & (b) The condition of Libraries under Ministry of Culture is not pathetic. Every year grant-in-aid general for purchase of books, preservation/conservation, digitization, office expenses etc., grant-in-aid salaries and grant-in-aid for creation of capital assets is provided to libraries under Ministry of Culture.

(c) National Mission on Libraries has been set up by Ministry of Culture, Government of India, vide notification dated 4th May, 2012 in pursuance of National Knowledge Commission recommendations for sustained attention for development of Libraries and Information science Sector. The President of India launched the National Mission on Libraries (NML) on 3.2.2014. The components of National Mission on Libraries are:-

â€¢ Creation of National Virtual Library of India (NVLI)
â€¢ Setting up of NML Model Libraries
â€¢ Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries
â€¢ Capacity Building

The total budget allocation for NML is Rs. 400 crores during 12th Five Year Plan. The purpose of National Virtual Library of India is to facilitate a comprehensive database of digital resources on information about India and on information generated in India, in an open access environment. This project has been entrusted to IIT Bombay. NVLI prototype has since been developed and contents are being processed for uploading. 35 State Central Libraries, 35 District Libraries and 6 Libraries under the Ministry of Culture are to be upgraded as Model Libraries. The Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries has been undertaken to prepare a baseline data of libraries in India through a survey of 5000 Libraries. The work is being done by Indian Market Research Bureau (IMRB). The Capacity Building has been undertaken to enhance the professional competence of library personnel. INFLIBNET has conducted training in this regard.

Also Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation under its matching and not-matching schemes provides financial assistance for development of public libraries for various purposes eg. Books, furniture & equipments, modernization, construction of library buildings, mobile library services, establishment of children corner, facilities for specially-abled readers, seminars/workshops, training, career guidance etc.

(d) The information is being collected.

(e) Ministry of Culture does not have any scheme for setting up new libraries. However, under National Mission on Libraries funds

have been approved for the modernization of various state and central libraries as per details at Annexure-I. Central Assistance provided by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation during last three years and current year (in Rupees in lakhs) is −− Andhra Pradesh (15.21), Assam (151.79), Gujarat (182.79), Haryana (45.52), Himachal Pradesh (7.14), Kerala (4.13), Maharashtra (155.01), Meghalaya (20.00), Rajasthan (1.92), Sikkim (17.30), Tamil Nadu (48.00), Uttar Pradesh (23.82), West Bengal (481.58) and Pondicherry (29.88). Apart from that book assistance in the form of supply of books and purchase of books for various State Central Libraries and other libraries under States/UTs is also provided by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation. As yet no enhancement in Central Assistance during the current year is proposed.

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Annexure − I

Annexure referred in reply to Part (e) of the Starred Question No. *248 for 20.03.2017 on Public Libraries.

Sl. No. State/UTs Library Name Approved during the year Amount approved
1 ARUNACHAL PRADESH State Central Library, Itanagar 2014-15 223.00
2 ARUNACHAL PRADESH District Library Phasighat 2014-15 87.00
3 KARNATAKA State Central Library, Bangalore 2014-15 223.00
4 KARNATAKA Government District Library, Shimoga 2014-15 87.00
5 MIZORAM State Central Library, Aizwal 2014-15 100.00
6 MIZORAM District Library Building Kolasib. 2014-15 50.00
7 ORISSA State Library Odisha, Bhubaneswar 2014-15 223.00
8 ORISSA District Library, Ganajam Odisha 2014-15 40.36
9 RAJASTHAN Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya Kendriya
Pustakalaya, Jaipur 2014-15 183.51
10 TRIPURA Birchandra State Central Library, Agartala 2014-15 223.00
11 TRIPURA Unakoti District Library,Unakoti 2014-15 87.00
12 UTTAR PRADESH State Central Library, Allahabad 2014-15 206.00
13 UTTAR PRADESH Government District Library, Etawah 2014-15 87.00
14 WEST BENGAL West Bengal State Central library, Kolkata 2014-15 222.81
15 WEST BENGAL North Bengal State Library, Coochbehar 2014-15 86.98
16 TELANGANA State Central Library Hyderabad 2014-15 112.25
17 TELANGANA District Central Library Mahaboobnagar 2014-15 52.00
18 ASSAM District Library, Jorhat, Assam 2014-15 40.00
19 ASSAM District Library, Guwahati, Assam 2014-15 70.00
20 CHHATISGARH District Library, Dhantawada 2014-15 87.00
21 CHHATISGARH District Library, Raigarh 2014-15 87.00
22 GOA Krishnadas Shama State Central Library, Panaji 2014-15 223.00
23 GOA Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library, Navelin 2014-15 87.00
24 GUJARAT State Central Library, Gandhinagar 2014-15 106.01
25 ANDHRA PRADESH State Regional Library, Guntur 2014-15 50.00
26 ANDHRA PRADESH Regional Library, Rajamundry 2014-15 30.00
27 MANIPUR State Central Library, Imphal, Mamipur 2014-15 40.00
28 MANIPUR District Library, Senapati, Manipur 2014-15 20.00
29 TAMIL NADU District Library Vellore, Tamil Nadu 2014-15 90.00
30 TAMIL NADU District Library Tiruchiralulli, Tmail Nadu 2014-15 70.00
2014-15 TOTAL 3293.92
31 RAJASTHAN Sarbajanik Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota 2015-16 63.46
32 KERALA State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram 2015-16 116.61
33 PONDICHERRY Romain Rolland Library, Puducherry 2015-16 166.54
34 PONDICHERRY Dr. S R Ranganathan Government Public library, District Library, Karaikal 2015-16 76.04
2015-16 TOTAL 422.65
35 NAGALAND District Library, Dimapur 2016-17 73.81
5(A) MIZORAM State Central Library, Aizwal, Mizoram 2016-17 28.7
36 MAHARASHTRA District Library, Nandurbar, Maharastra 2016-17 21.90
37 SIKKIM Sikkim State Central Library 2016-17 3.02
38 MADHYA PRADESH Govt. District Library, Khandwa, MP 2016-17 73.2
39 NAGALAND State Central Library, Kohima, Nagaland 2016-17 177.49
TOTAL 2016-17 378.12
GRAND TOTAL 4094.69